

Town of Weare

Review of Recent Planning Services

by Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission



The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) has provided the Town of Weare with a wide range of services and resources to help the town address its planning and transportation needs.

The SNHPC staff is grateful to town staff, volunteer Board and Committee members, and specifically the Hand-in-Hand Senior Center with their assistance in collaborating on many projects and programs. The SNHPC staff also appreciates the dedication of Weare's Commissioner and Town Administrator Naomi Bolton.

Despite nationwide inflation and cost increases across the vast spectrum of goods and services, the SNHPC has kept its municipal membership dues rate flat at \$0.676 per capita for the past four years by leveraging federal and other funding sources to benefit our member communities.

Highlights of the SNHPC's recent services to the Town of Weare included:

- Coordinating the regional process to support the biennial update of the NHDOT's FY 2025-2034 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.
- Distributing community transportation materials at the Town's Library as well as working with the Hand-in-Hand Senior Center and town staff on developing a survey on transportation needs for senior citizens in Weare.
- Launching implementation of a \$500K U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment grant, which assesses sites under the SNHPC Brownfields Program to provide new opportunities for cleanup and economic development.
- Conducting numerous traffic counts to monitor townwide traffic volume patterns and changes.
- Performing regional freight planning, facilitated freight stakeholder meeting, truck routes congestion planning and strategies and other freight research work.
- Collaborating with municipal staff to solicit regionally significant economic development projects to be included in the Central-Southern Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).
- Completing a comprehensive update of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment to analyze historical trends, project future needs and identify strategies to meet the region's housing needs.
- Identifying high-priority Electric Vehicle (EV) corridors and analyzing feasibility of DC Fast-Charging stations along transportation corridors.
- Working with town staff and stakeholders to complete a grant-funded "Pathways to Play" project to enhance recreation access in SNHPC communities, including fielding a regional survey to assess recreation needs and opportunities, and developing an interactive map of recreation facilities.
- Coordinating regional climate action planning efforts, developing a climate action toolkit focused on roadway adaptations, and supporting federally-funded climate action planning efforts.
- Updating the SNHPC Complete Streets Toolkit to include guidance on the most recent best practices and projects from New Hampshire and beyond.

Town of Weare Representatives to the Commission
Naomi Bolton (Executive Committee Member)

SNHPC is Seeking Additional Weare Residents as Representatives to the Commission